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SUBJ: DISPOSITION OF NESS CASE

REF: (A) MANILA 4795 (B) MANILA 4855

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOCUMENTATION IN REFTEL (B), DPAO WISHES EXPRESS HIS JUDGEMENT THAT "EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPARTURE" OF NESS FAVORED IN REFTEL (A), IF NOT STRICTLY REQUIRED TO ACCORD WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSULAR CONVENTION, WOULD BE LIKELY TO EMBARRASS DFA AND RESULT IN REOPENING ENTIRE ISSUE IN PRESS, IN ADDITION TO GIVING GREEN LIGHT TO EVERY FILIPINO WITH GRIEVANCE AGAINST EMBASSY OR BASES, TO TAKE HIS ISSUE TO PRESS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS IS PANDORA'S BOX BETTER LEFT UNOPENED, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS SENSITIVE NEGOTIATING PERIOD.

2. IN ABSENCE FURTHER RELATED IRRITANTS WHICH WOULD REOPEN ISSUE IN PRESS, BELIEVE EARLY DEPARTURE NESS WITHIN MONTH TO SIX WEEKS WOULD BE REASONABLY SAFE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ARE AWAITING DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT PREVIOUS REPORTING. MEANWHILE, WE DISPOSE TO FAVOR QUIET DEPARTURE WITHIN ONE MONTH WHICH SHOULD MEET "REASONABLE
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TIME" CRITERION. WE SHALL OF COURSE KEEP WATCHING BRIEF ON THIS

ASPECT. WE HOPE DPAO IS CORRECT IN HIS UNDERLYING VIEW THAT
GOMEZ CASE WINDING UP. IN OUR JUDGEMENT THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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